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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i), the following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each foreign patent:

Japanese Patent No. JP10057204 discloses a merchandise display stand comprising a top shelf 6 and an intermediate shelf 14 connected by a back board 4 and pillar boards 13 and a lower cylindrical part 7 that can be used as a lower display rack. Like the present invention, the box-like lower display rack 7 serves to raise the shelves off the floor and provide a surface for graphics. Unlike the present invention, the lower display rack does not have a center base section that holds posts in place.

Japanese Patent No. JP10167253 discloses a display system for packaged products. The system comprises vertically spaced trays 2A (Fig. 6) and corner posts ("columns") 20 that fit within channels 12 integrally formed at the four corners of each tray 2A. The bottom tray in Figure 6 may be thought of as a box-like base. The base has integrally formed channels 12 for holding posts. However, Toshiyuki et al. does not disclose a post-in-post system nor a center base section that fits within the box-like base and holds posts in place.

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